study for the development of Dedicated Freight Corridors on the Delhi-Mumbai Western Corridor and Ludhiana-Sonnagar Eastern Corridor. The Study is likely to by completed by October 2007

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Rail India Technical and Economic Services Ltd. (RITES) has submitted a Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey (PETS) report in January 2007 for both the corridors. As per the report, the 1483 kms long Jawaharlal Nehru Port (Mumbai) to Tughlakabad/Dadri Western Corridor and the 1279 kms. long Ludhiana to Sonnagar Eastern Corridor is estimated to cost a total of over Rs. 28,000 crores. RITES has been asked to conduct a feasibility study for extension of Eastern corridor to Kolkata area in view of possibility of increase in freight traffic on account of proposed deep sea port.

Conversion of Stations of Gujarat into World Class

†127. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to convert some railway stations of the country into world class railway stations;

(b) if so, whether Government are also considering to convert some railway stations located in the State of Gujarat into world class railway stations;

(c) if so, the names of stations which would be converted into world class stations and by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. From the State of Gujarat, Ahmedabad railway station is one of the stations identified for development as World Class station through Public Private Partnership route by leveraging the real-estate potential at the stations. The time-frame by which these stations would be converted into world class stations has not been planned as yet.

Train from Bangalore city to International Airport

128. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to introduce an exclusive train from Bangalore City to the new Bangalore International Airport at Devanahalli;

(b) if so, by when it would be undertaken and completed;

(c) what would be the exact route that the train would undertake;

(d) what is the total estimated cost of the project; and

(e) what would be the fare of the journey?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU): (a) There is no such proposal with the Railways.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.